AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the film includes a reversible or irreversible sequestrant to bind multivalent ions, thereby preventing their interaction with carboxylic acid groups on alginate film formers. Sequestrants include, but are not limited to, calcium acetate, calcium chloride, calcium citrate, calcium diacetate, calcium gluconate, calcium hexametaphosphate, calcium phosphate monobasic, calcium phytate, ~~citric acid~~, dipotassium phosphate, disodium phosphate (DSP), isopropyl citrate, monoisopropyl citrate, potassium citrate, sodium acid phosphate, sodium citrate (optimal pH range 4-10), sodium diacetate, sodium gluconate, sodium hexametaphosphate (SHMP; optimal pH range 2-9), sodium metaphosphate, sodium phosphate, sodium potassium tartrate, sodium pyrophosphate, sodium pyrophosphate, tetra sodium tartrate, sodium thiosulfate, sodium tripolyphosphate (STPP; optimal pH range 3-8), and stearyl citrate~~, and tartaric acid~~.